



PRESENT CHECK . . . Keith Pischel (center), manager of Torrance office of Imperial Bank, accepts a check for the Pam Fischer Fund which the bank administers. The proceeds are the result of a special benefit performance of Chapel Theater's current production, "Everybody Loves Opal." Presenting the check are Murray Rubin, project chairman, and Mrs. Betty Schroeder, secretary of Chapel's board. Miss Fischer, severely injured when her small car and a truck collided last November, is at Little Company of Mary Hospital. The Chapel performance was one of several events planned to raise funds to meet her staggering medical expenses. She is the daughter of Torrance Police Lt. and Mrs. Mickey Fischer. (Press-Herald Photo)

Film for Schools Scheduled

Torrance Unified School District will be the locale of an educational movie to be produced this spring, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Featuring the kindergarten reading program, the 16 millimeter training film will be produced for nationwide distribution by the Southwest Regional Laboratory for Educational Research and Development.

For the past two years, Torrance has been participating in a pilot program on reading in kindergarten, utilizing materials developed by the regional laboratory — a government-financed agency set up to research new materials and teaching techniques.

LAST YEAR, materials — including oral language development procedures, read-aloud books, reading books, and specific lessons on reading skills — were used in conjunction with recommended teaching techniques at Arlington Elementary School.

This year, the pilot program spread to Calle Mayor, Carr, Edison, Riviera, Fern-Greenwood, Walteria, and Madrona Elementary Schools.

Before being tried out in Torrance, the materials underwent several revisions in Nevada, Arizona, and elsewhere in California.

It is anticipated that the film will be available for distribution in late spring.

Teenager Shot by Deputy

A 16-year-old boy was shot Friday afternoon and two other persons were charged with assaulting a police officer during an altercation in the Clifton Heights area between Torrance and Redondo Beach.

The wounded youth was identified as Michael Gene Roberts, of 1013 Avenue D. He was treated at South Bay District Hospital for a bullet wound in the left shoulder, pending transfer to the USC-County Medical Center jail ward.

Deputy Michael Currin fired at YOUNG Roberts after the youth pulled a .32-caliber revolver on Currin, investigating officers reported.

Currin had gone to the residence in response to a call about a disturbance and, officers said, had been physically assaulted by the youth's mother, Mrs. Sharon Roberts, 43, and an uncle, Joe Faulkner, 46.

Both Faulkner and Mrs. Roberts were arrested and booked on charges of assaulting a police officer. Young Roberts will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon, it was reported.

Recruiting Policemen Easy Here

While police departments in other cities struggle to keep their ranks filled, the Torrance Police Department boasts an outstanding recruitment record.

At present, there is only one opening on the force and several candidates for the spot are being considered.

Lieutenant Darrell Lanham, personnel division, says recruitment is "no problem at all" in

Torrance. "We haven't experienced the same problems other cities have in the last year or a half," Lanham reports. And a low turnover rate also points to the health of the department.

Lanham attributes the strength of the force to the good working conditions, high pay, and fringe benefits offered to Torrance policemen. The size of

and character of the city is another factor.

Careful screening of each prospective police officer also helps assure a low turnover rate, Lanham added.

CHIEF CAUSE
Chief cause of crippling cerebral palsy is interrupted oxygen supply for an infant's brain, according to United Cerebral Palsy.

PUBLIC INVITATION

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Civic Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 13—Airport Commission, 8 p.m., City Council Chambers.
License Review Board, 10:45 a.m., City Council Chambers.
Monday, Feb. 17—Civil Service Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers.
Torrance Safety Council, 7 p.m., Room 214, City Hall.
Tuesday, Feb. 18—City Council, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers.
Wednesday, Feb. 19—Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers.
Torrance Youth Council, 7 p.m., Employees' Lounge, City Hall.
Thursday, Feb. 20—Traffic Commission, 9:30 a.m., Police Department Conference Room.
Tuesday, Feb. 25—City Council, 7 p.m., Council Chambers.
Wednesday, Feb. 26—Parks and Recreation Commission, 8 p.m., City Council Chambers.
Youth Welfare Commission, 7 p.m., Room 214, City Hall.
Thursday, Feb. 27—Airport Commission, 8 p.m., Room 214, City Council Chambers.
Water Commission, 7 p.m., Room 214, City Hall.

Contract for Drain Awarded

A \$1,255,927 contract for construction of a storm drain complex in the west Compton, east Gardena area has been awarded by County supervisors.

Included in the project will be work involving sections of Avalon, Compton, Redondo Beach, Alondra, and Gardena boulevards; Parmelee and Rosecrans avenues; Main and Figueroa streets; and Broadway.

The contract was awarded to Kruse Construction Co.

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